
SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HAWAII'S SISTER-STATE
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GUANGDONG PROVINCE.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,
2 and Tourism and its Office of International Affairs establish
3 close working relationships with foreign governments to raise
4 Hawaii's profile internationally, attract dynamic cooperative
5 programs, and stimulate Hawaii's economy; and
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7 WHEREAS, many of these relationships are sister-state
8 programs that establish a partnership for mutual economic
9 advantage and the potential for expanded cultural, educational,
10 and government exchanges; and
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12 WHEREAS, the sister-state relationship between Hawaii and
13 China's Guangdong province was established in 1985, and these
14 formal ties to the province have helped lead to Hawaii's success
15 in developing an economic relationship with China; and
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17 WHEREAS, Guangdong was Hawaii's first Chinese sister state
18 because many early immigrants from China came to Hawaii from
19 Guangdong, and over seventy-five per cent of people living in
20 Hawaii can trace their ancestral roots back to the Guangdong
21 province; and
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23 WHEREAS, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the first president of China,
24 studied at Iolani and Punahou schools and was born in Zhongshan
25 City in Guangdong; and
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27 WHEREAS, through the sister-state relationship, the
28 Guangdong Province Senior Executive Leadership Training Program
29 was established at the University of Hawaii in 1999 by the
30 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and
31 the University of Hawaii College of Business Administration; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii and Guangdong maintain a mutually
2 beneficial, cooperative relationship furthered by a continuing
3 exchange of delegations to further the cultural and economic
4 exchange; and

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6 WHEREAS, former Governor Linda Lingle visited the Guangdong
7 province to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the
8 sister-state relationship; and

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10 WHEREAS, former Governor Neil Abercrombie met with
11 Guangdong province Governor Zhu Xiaodan, who traveled to Hawaii
12 to discuss plans to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the
13 sister-state relationship in September of 2014; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
17 that this body commemorates the thirtieth anniversary of the
18 sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the Guangdong
19 province; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the United Chinese Society, See Dai
23 Doo Society, Teo Chew Society, and the Governor of Guangdong
24 province.
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